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Patrick Donahue Takes Oath for Orange County Superior Court Judge

SANTA ANA — In an informal ceremony at the Central Justice Center today, Patrick Donahue was sworn into office as judge of the Superior Court of California in Orange County by Judge James P. Marion.

Judge Donahue, has been assigned to the North Justice Center in Fullerton where he will immediately oversee an array of cases that will include arraignment hearings to murder cases.

Formerly with the Orange County district attorney's office for 15 years, Donahue was a senior deputy district attorney who oversaw the prosecution of all the misdemeanor cases for the County. He also prosecuted murder, attempted rapes and robbery cases. Admitted to the California bar in 1983, he worked for the Los Angeles County Municipal Courts Planning and Research Unit from 1981 until 1985.

Judge Donahue earned a bachelor of arts degree from Northeastern University, a master of public administration from California State University, Fullerton, and a juris doctorate from Loyola Law School at Los Angeles. He is a resident of Tustin, and had served in the United States Marine Corps and achieved the rank of Captain.

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